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### Worship Hours

**Sundays:** Orthros 8:15 a.m. followed by Divine Liturgy  
**Weekdays:** Divine Liturgy 6:30 a.m.  
**Esperinos:** For Major Feasts 6:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Paraklesis Service 6:00 p.m.

### Upcoming Events

#### Sunday, June 20, 2021

- + Men In Black - MIB – Priests Who Cook. Virtual Fundraiser
- + The videos will be released all at once for you to view at home

#### Wednesday, July 14, 2021

- + St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church Golf Outing
- + Odyssey Country Club, 19110 S. Ridgeland Ave. Tinley Park, IL

### We welcome new families to our parish.

Now is the time to reach out to your loved ones who have fallen away for whatever reason and bring them back to church. Now is the time to share your faith with others. Together we must grow. Together we must build the Body of Christ. Invite someone to a service or to a church event. We have one of the friendliest communities in the Archdiocese.

Let us go out so that they will know we are Christians by our love.

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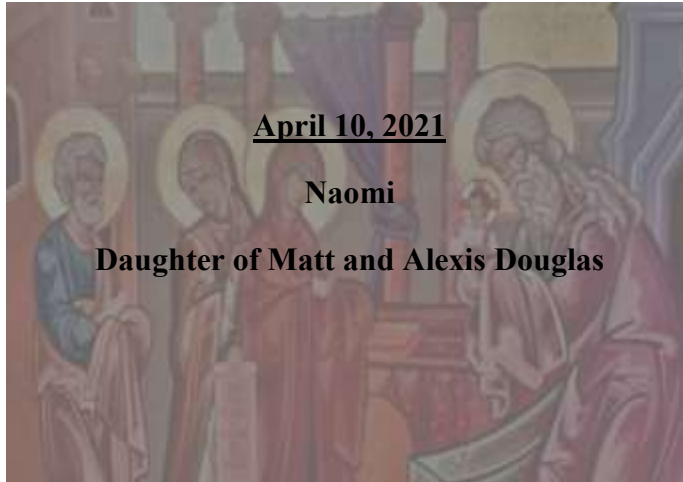
# Sacraments and Blessings

## 40-Day Blessings:

April 10, 2021

Naomi

Daughter of Matt and Alexis Douglas



## Baptisms:



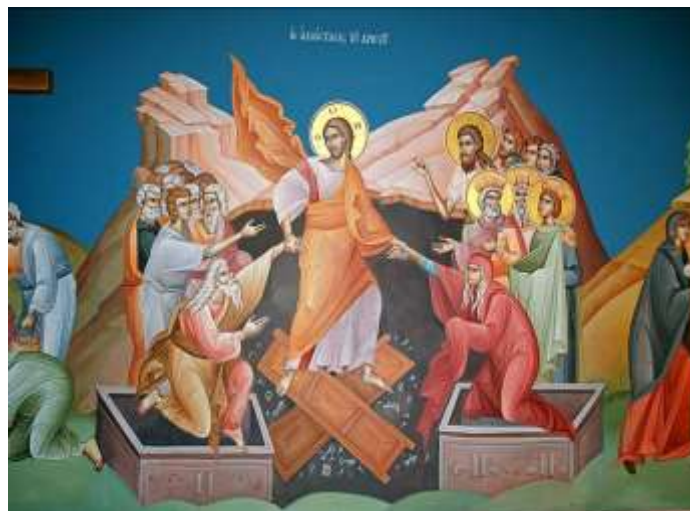
## Chrismations:



## Weddings:



## Funerals:



## Father Dimitri's Message



Christ is risen! Χριστός Ανέστη!

My beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

I cannot begin to describe to you how wonderful it feels to make that declarative statement of truth and victory, and to know that this year we are able to respond back to one another and not just through a digital screen. The problem I see that God has allowed us to confront is the “screen” of our perception of Christ. Prior to the pandemic, many of us saw Christ as more of a philosophy or an idea. Perhaps we saw Him as a historical figure, perhaps as a social revolutionary or a teacher; and, even if we did see Him as God, it was in a removed sense. We saw the divinity of Christ as a distant reality that did not touch us intimately or uniquely based on our circumstances.

This separation was not caused by the pandemic, but it brought it into focus. Communities that had a relationship with Christ did not flag or suffer any harm during the pandemic. Rather, they flourished in growth as their already vibrant ministries did what they had always done: connecting to Christ through His people. Conversely, communities that had a tenuous relationship and treated their communities as mere fellowship centers suffered losses in membership and revenue.

I would like to share a story I heard recently of a rescue house off the coast of New England. The mission of the rescue house was to send boats to rescue sailors from shipwrecks and man the local lighthouse. Because this mission worked so well and people spoke of the heroic workers of this rescue house, donations came flooding in. With all the money, they upgraded the boats to better serve the mission and more money came in. So they upgraded the building. People became proud of the building and began to have social gatherings at the beautiful edifice. They became so enamored with the building that they began to make it into a club that required membership. As this progressed, the members stopped going on rescue missions and instead hired sailors to do the mission, while still promoting themselves as an organization that helped.

It wasn't long before the members became uncomfortable when shipwrecked sailors would be brought inside. They dirtied up the building with their presence and they interfered with club activities. My friends, by this point, the rescue house had lost sight of its purpose and mission. Instead of being an organization based on helping others, it had morphed into a country club with the smallest possible connection to its mission.

Naturally, many found this abhorrent and asked the club leadership to return to the previous practices, when they had been a simple and humble rescue organization. They were told if they did not like it, they could leave. So they did.

The individuals traveled down the coast and opened another rescue house that became famous because it pushed the mission of rescuing sailors. People gave readily and freely to this new organization, and for a number of years it kept to the mission, until it fell into the same practice of the previous rescue house and again a group split off to form a new rescue house.

This is why there is an abundance of these rescue houses along the coast of New England that are elegant venues for weddings, baptisms, and the like with rich members and yacht clubs. All of these edifices no longer help anyone except their members and, many cannot even recall the reason the building and organization were founded in the first place.

How many of our churches have followed this same pattern of mission to help people and then devolved into country clubs more concerned about the building than the very people they came to serve? All too frequently this has transpired across Christendom.

This happens because Christ has been allowed to devolve into an idea instead of a Person to be encountered. Jesus Christ is not meant to be found in the page of a book or the screen of a computer. He is meant to be encountered in the people. The Church is His Body and we are called to be active members of it. We cannot be active members if we are spectators from our living room only. Even if you cannot physically come to church, there are ways to participate and help. What are we doing to fulfill our mission?

Our mission statement developed by the St. Basil Parish Council is that we are “A community connecting to Christ and one another through our Orthodox faith.” Everything we do in this Church MUST be guided by this simple principle.

Is what I am doing connecting to Christ? Is Christ the forefront of the initiative? Why not? This first metric is critical to the continued success of our parish, both for the blessings of God and so that we do not lose our way.

Is what I am doing connecting me to the rest of the community, both parishioner and non-parishioner? What is our community? Does the initiative connect people or sow division? We cannot grow if we look at anyone as “other.”

Is what I am doing in keeping with the Orthodox faith? Does the initiative deviate from the dogma, canons, and traditions of the Orthodox Church? How do we exercise our Orthodox faith in our worship, fellowship, and outreach?

By fulfilling the mission of the Church, we bring Christ out of the page and screen and into the lives of not only the people we seek to serve, but into our own lives as well. Christ is risen! The Light of the Resurrection must be spread to all people and fill us all with the love that God died and came back from the dead for you personally.

I cannot wait to hear your voices and embrace you in the Light of Pascha.

I remain your priest who feels so incredibly blessed to serve you and love you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Fr. Dimitri", with a cross symbol to the left of the first letter.

Fr. Dimitri Tobias, *Proistamenos*

## **Parish Council Update**

By Jayme Schenk

St. Basil Parishioners

Christos Anesti!

We hope everyone had a safe and wonderful Pascha. It was so nice to see more people return to St. Basil, and we hope to continue to see people return. We are still livestreaming services on both Facebook and YouTube, so please check us out if you cannot make it to church. And please remember to either sign up online or call the church office to reserve your spot for any services you wish to attend.

I want to take a moment to thank everyone that helped out during Lent and Holy Week. It takes a village, both behind the scenes and on the front lines, and it's truly appreciated.

And finally, a reminder that our Golf Outing is back. Wednesday July 14 at The Odyssey Country Club! Hopefully we can have a great turnout, since we took last year off.

Christ Is Risen!  
Jayme Schenk  
Parish Council President

## **Philoptochos Update**

By Nichole Kourvas Drimonas

Xristos Anesti! Christ is Risen!

I pray you all had a happy, blessed and safe Easter.

The Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos has a very exciting event on the horizon! On Sunday, June 20, 2021, the Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos will be launching a virtual fundraiser called Men In Black - MIB – Priests Who Cook.

MIB will showcase Metropolis priests as they prepare a short video of themselves cooking their favorite “signature dish.” The videos will be released all at once for you to view at home. A cookbook will also be available in the fall.

This virtual fundraiser benefits the Metropolis of Chicago Philanthropy Fund. Please keep an eye out for more information.

Wear a mask. Be kind. Stay well.

Nichole Kourvas Drimonas  
St. Basil Philoptochos President



## Stewardship Update



Registration for 2021 has begun. You can sign up at <http://www.stbasilchicago.org/our-parish/stewardship/> or contact the church office. We are looking forward to an exciting and prosperous year.

### **2021 Snapshot** *(as of April 23, 2021)*

<u>Stewards</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Collected</u>
115	\$177,159	\$83,535

Saint Basil stewardship ministry wants to hear from you. Have any questions, comments, ideas, or feedback? Let us know how we're doing so that we can better serve our church.

### **Have you become a steward of St. Basil's?**

Visit our website at [www.stbasilchicago.org](http://www.stbasilchicago.org) and click on "Our Parish" and "Stewardship" to learn more, or contact the church office at 312-243-3738 for additional information.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Matt. 6:21).

## **2021 Stewardship Challenge**

This year, the stewardship committee has set an additional challenge to our stewards for the 2021 year. We challenge each steward to become a member of at least one ministry of our parish. With so many to choose from, this should be an easy task. If you want to volunteer, we have philanthropy ministries. If you want to get involved in the life of the church, we have ministries for that too. Even during COVID-19 there are so many things to do. Join us in making our parish more complete by your presence.

*Embrace the Challenge!*





# Our Newest Icon: St. Irene Chrysovalantou and the Apples from Paradise

By Pat Cole

A new icon of St. Irene Chrysovalantou graces the northwest wall at the rear of the nave. It is a gift from parishioner George Tsagaris, who lives in Athens, and it was created at the request of Father Dimitri. The icon is about a foot tall, painted on canvas and mounted on a piece of wood gracefully carved by Spiros Kibouropoulos, who lives in Athens. He has been creating icons for about seven years, and his works can be seen in several churches around Greece. He has no formal training in art--just a natural, God-given talent, particularly in wood-working. He is a deeply religious man who expresses his faith through his art. He generously donated his time and talent in creating this unique icon for our church.

## The Life of St. Irene

Saint Irene was born in Cappadocia in the ninth century. Because of her great beauty and virtue, she was brought to Constantinople as a prospective bride for the young Emperor Michael; however, it was God's will that she become a nun instead. She joined the Convent of Chrysovalantou and emulated the practice of Saint Arsenius the Great, praying all night with her arms stretched out towards heaven. She soon became the abbess of the convent and was granted the gift of clairvoyance. She died at the age of 102, still retaining her youthful beauty. Throughout the funeral and burial there was an unexplainable sweet fragrance filling the monastery. Numerous healings have been attributed to her.

## The Apples of Paradise

The Apples of Paradise are the greatest miracle associated with St. Irene. They were a gift from St. John the Evangelist sent to her through a sailor from Patmos. The story was this: As he was leaving Patmos, the sailor saw an old man on the shore waving at them to stop. The old man walked across the water to the ship. He was carrying six apples. He gave them to the sailor, telling them that three were for the Patriarch and three were for the Abbess of Chrysovalantou.

Irene wasn't sure what to do with the apples, so she fasted for a week, asking God to help her figure it out. For the next 40 days, she ate a small bit of one of the apples each day. During that time, she didn't eat or drink anything else. The bites from the apple of Paradise were enough to sustain her. On Holy Wednesday, she concluded her 40-day fast. On Holy Thursday, she shared one of the apples with all of the nuns of the monastery. The third apple she ate many years later, as she was dying. It strengthened her for her final journey.

The sisters at Chrysovalantou planted seeds from the last apple given to St. Irene in an orchard, and over time other monasteries planted apples from that single apple. The icon at St. Basil's has a piece of St. Irene's apple given to our church by a monastery in New York last year.

St. Irene Chrysovalantou's feast day falls on July 28. It is the custom in parts of Greece to bring apples to church to be blessed on her feast day. People take the blessed apples home and eat them. The apples are said to bring healing to soul and body. In particular, childless women believe that eating an apple blessed on St. Irene's feast day and asking the saint's prayers would allow them to conceive. These mothers often name their child Chrysovalanti or Chrysovalantou as a way to give thanks for the blessing. That custom survives in many places to this day, in Greece and around the world.

Thank you to George Tsagaris and his family and to Spiros Kibouropoulos for your loving and beautiful gift to our church.

*Sources: [https://orthodoxwiki.org/›Irene\\_Chrysovalantou;](https://orthodoxwiki.org/›Irene_Chrysovalantou;)  
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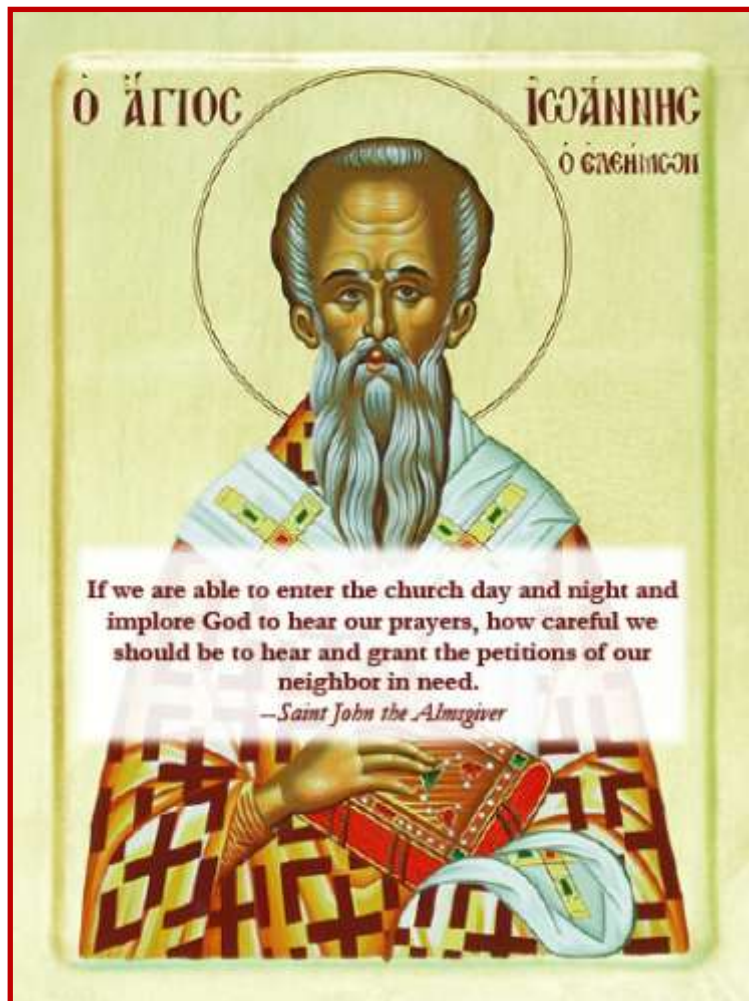
## St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

By Marina Arvanitis

Throughout the winter months, the St. John the Almsgiver ministry kept a steady supply of winter parkas and fleece blankets ready for anyone who came to our parish doors in need. Thank you to all who generously donated these coats, and blankets, and to Nick Katsoulis who lovingly distributed them.

This winter, the ministry also resumed packing Almsgiver packs for our homeless brothers and sisters in need. In addition to the usual winter pack items (a prayer and resource sheet, \$10 Jewel-Osco card, winter hat, long underwear, socks, hand and body warmers, water bottle, granola bar, and personal hygiene supplies (comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, Band-Aids)), the 2021 winter packs also included COVID-19 personal protective items (N-95 mask and hand-sanitizing wipes). The St. John the Almsgiver ministry sincerely thanks all the St. Basil parishioners and donors who contributed the pack components, as well as all those who distributed the packs. Your generosity is a true inspiration in the spirit of St. John himself.

After Pascha, the ministry will be restocking our AmazonSmile wish list and resuming packing spring-summer Almsgiver packs. If you wish to donate, please keep a lookout for wish list updates, or bring any number of \$10 Jewel-Osco cards to the church office. If you wish to help with ministry planning or packing the Almsgiver packs, please contact Marina Arvanitis ([marvanitis@uwalumni.com](mailto:marvanitis@uwalumni.com)).



## St. John the Almsgiver Ministry - Items Needed

If you would like to support the St. John the Almsgiver ministry, you can purchase items from AmazonSmile wish list (see items below) or donate Jewel/Osco gift card(s).

**Amazon Smile Wish List:** Purchase the items we currently need from our AmazonSmile wish list. Whatever you purchase will be shipped directly to St. Basil.

- + Cloth COVID-19 mask
- + 1 winter item (hat, gloves, scarf, etc.)
- + 1 long underwear set
- + 2 pairs of single-use warmers (foot and body)
- + 1 pair of white tube socks
- + 1 toothbrush
- + 1 tube of toothpaste
- + 1 comb
- + 6 Band-Aids
- + 3 antimicrobial hand wipes
- + 1 bottle of water
- + 1 granola bar
- + 1 gift card (Jewel \$10)

**Donate Gift Cards:** We are always in need of \$10 Jewel-Osco cards. To purchase these, you can call or email Jewel-Osco and have the cards mailed to St. Basil (733 S. Ashland Ave, Chicago 60607). If you're physically coming to church, you can also drop off gift cards with Vicky Crosby in the office.



## St. Tryphon Garden Ministry

By Marina Arvanitis

The garden ministry has had a very busy spring, starting with Lambros and Mary Peroulas cleaning up the garden beds so that the earliest bulbs could begin to bloom. This month, the ministry also fertilized and applied new mulch to the gardens.

Whenever ministry members are out working in the gardens, they are approached by neighbors and passersby who stop to talk, compliment the gardens, and take photos. It's a wonderful opportunity to serve the parish, meet our neighbors, and hopefully draw people to our church.

If you are interested in volunteering in the garden this spring and summer, please contact Marina Arvanitis ([marvanitis@uwalumni.com](mailto:marvanitis@uwalumni.com)). Parishioners of all ages can learn and serve in the garden – it's fun, rewarding, and you don't need a green thumb to participate!





# ONLINE BIBLE STUDY



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**When:** Tuesday Mornings –  
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*Will Resume after Bright Week*

**Where:** ONLINE VIA



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## St. Basil Lenten Services

Each Friday of Great Lent our flower ministry, led by Eleni Manasses and Nick Katsoulis, decorated the icon of the Theotokos. Thank you to the generous donors for offering the flowers for these breathtaking tributes to the Mother of God!

We thank our chanters John Statghopoulos, Gus Drugas, and Themis Fabiatos for offering their voices for the beautiful hymns. We also thank our altar server Gerasimos Moshonas who attended each service dutifully and added dignity by his prayerful presence .





## St. Basil Holy Week 2021



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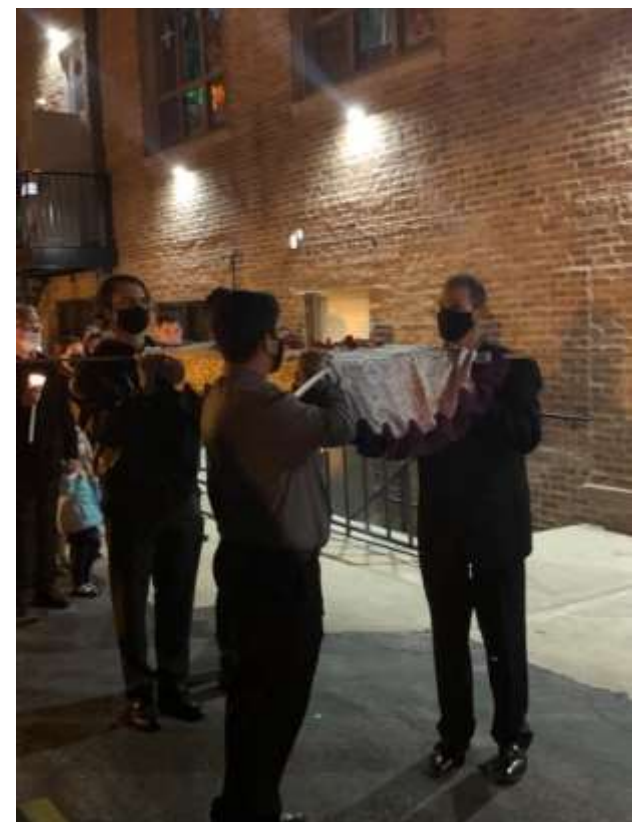


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Do you work in the city of Chicago?  
Would you like to attend weekday liturgies but cannot because of work? Join us at St.  
Basil.  
6:30 AM

## **May**

**May 4:** Ss. Raphael, Nicholas, and Irene & St. Mark the Evangelist

**May 5:** St. Irene the Great Martyr

**May 6:** St. Sophia of Kleisoura

**May 21:** Ss. Constantine & Helen

**May 27:** St. John the Russian

**May 28:** Ascension of our Lord

Patronal feasts for the Chicago parishes will not be celebrated at St. Basil  
Please check the [St. Basil website calendar](#) for updates to above schedule  
Liturgies are Livestreamed on the [St. Basil Facebook Page](#)

**April 23 St. George the Trophy Bearer — If April 23 falls on or before Great and Holy Pascha, the feast of St. George is translated to *Bright Monday (MAY 3)***



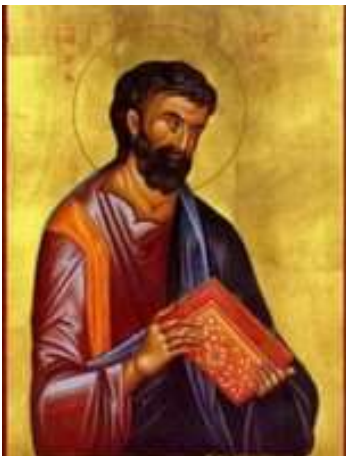
George, this truly great and glorious martyr of Christ, was born of a father from Capadocia and a mother from Palestine. Being a military tribune, or chiliarch (that is, a commander of a thousand troops), he was illustrious in battle and highly honored for his courage. When he learned that the Emperor Diocletian was preparing a persecution of the Christians, Saint George presented himself publicly before the Emperor and denounced him. When threats and promises could not move him from his steadfast confession, he was put to unheard-of tortures, which he endured with great bravery, overcoming them by his faith and love towards Christ. By the wondrous signs that took place in his contest, he guided many to the knowledge of the truth, including Queen Alexandra, wife of Diocletian, and was finally beheaded in 296 in Nicomedia.

His sacred remains were taken by his servant from Nicomedia to Palestine, to a town called Lydda, the homeland of his mother, and then were finally transferred to the church which was raised up in his name. (The translation of the saint's holy relics to the church in Lydda is commemorated on November 3; Saint Alexandra the Queen, on April 21.)

**Apolytikion in the Fourth Tone**

Liberator of captives, defender of the poor, physician of the sick, and champion of kings, O trophy-bearer, Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

**April 25 St. Mark the Evangelist— If April 25 falls on or before Great and Holy Pascha, the feast of St. Mark is translated to *Bright Tuesday (May 4)***



Mark was an idolater from Cyrene of Pentapolis, which is near Libya. Having come to the Faith of Christ through the Apostle Peter, he followed him to Rome. While there, at the prompting of Peter himself and at the request of the Christians living there, he wrote his Gospel in Greek, and it is second in order after Matthew's. Afterwards, traveling to Egypt, he preached the Gospel there and was the first to establish the Church in Alexandria. The idolaters, unable to bear his preaching, seized him, bound him with ropes, and dragged him through the streets until he, cut to pieces on rocks, gave up his soul. It is said that he completed his life in martyrdom about the year 68. He is depicted in holy icons with a lion next to him, one of the living creatures mentioned by Ezekiel (1:10) and a symbol of Christ's royal office, as Saint Irenaeus of Lyons writes.

**Apolytikion in the Third Tone**

O Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark, intercede to our merciful God, that He may grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

### May 5 — Irene the Great Martyr



Saint Irene was the daughter of a princelet called Licinius; named Penelope by her parents, through a divine revelation she was brought to faith in Christ and at Baptism was renamed Irene. In her zeal for piety she broke in pieces all the idols of her father, who commanded that she be trampled underfoot by horses. But while she remained unharmed, one of the horses rose up and cast down her father, killing him. By her prayer she raised him to life again, and he believed and was baptized. Afterwards, in many journeyings, Saint Irene suffered torments and punishments for her faith, but was preserved by the power of God, while working dread miracles and converting many thousands of souls. At last she came to Ephesus, where she fell asleep in peace, in the first half of the fourth century. Two days after her death, her gravestone was found lifted off, and her grave empty. At least two churches were dedicated to Saint Irene in Constantinople, and she is also the patroness of the Aegean island of Thera, which is commonly called Santorin (or Santorini), a corruption of "Saint Irene."

### May 21 — SS. Constantine & Helen Equal to the Apostles



This great and renowned sovereign of the Christians was the son of Constantius Chlorus (the ruler of the westernmost parts of the Roman empire), and of the blessed Helen. He was born in 272, in (according to some authorities) Naissus of Dardania, a city on the Hellespont. In 306, when his father died, he was proclaimed successor to his throne. In 312, on learning that Maxentius and Maximinus had joined forces against him, he marched into Italy, where, while at the head of his troops, he saw in the sky after midday, beneath the sun, a radiant pillar in the form of a cross with the words: "By this shalt thou conquer." The following night, our Lord Jesus Christ appeared to him in a dream and declared to him the power of the Cross and its significance. When he arose in the morning, he immediately ordered that a labarum be made (which is a banner or standard of victory over the enemy) in the form of a cross, and he inscribed on it the Name of Jesus Christ. On the 28th Of October, he attacked and mightily conquered Maxentius, who drowned in the Tiber River while fleeing. The following day, Constantine entered Rome in triumph and was proclaimed Emperor of the West by the Senate, while Licinius, his brother-in-law, ruled in the East. But out of malice, Licinius later persecuted the Christians.



Constantine fought him once and again, and utterly destroyed him in 324, and in this manner he became monarch over the West and the East. Under him and because of him all the persecutions against the Church ceased. Christianity triumphed and idolatry was overthrown. In 325 he gathered the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, which he himself personally addressed. In 324, in the ancient city of Byzantium, he laid the foundations of the new capital of his realm, and solemnly inaugurated it on May 11, 330, naming it after himself, Constantinople. Since the throne of the imperial rule was transferred thither from Rome, it was named New Rome, the inhabitants of its domain were called Romans, and it was considered the continuation of the Roman Empire. Falling ill near Nicomedia, he requested to receive divine Baptism, according to Eusebius (The Life of Constantine. Book IV, 61-62), and also according to Socrates and Sozomen; and when he had been deemed worthy of the Holy Mysteries, he reposed in 337, on May 21 or 22, the day of Pentecost, having lived sixty-five years, of which he ruled for thirty-one years. His remains were transferred to Constantinople and were deposited in the Church of the Holy Apostles, which had been built by him (see Homily XXVI on Second Corinthians by Saint John Chrysostom).

As for his holy mother Helen, after her son had made the Faith of Christ triumphant throughout the Roman Empire, she undertook a journey to Jerusalem and found the Holy Cross on which our Lord was crucified. After this, Saint Helen, in her zeal to glorify Christ, erected churches in Jerusalem at the sites of the Crucifixion and Resurrection, in Bethlehem at the cave where our Saviour was born, another on the Mount of Olives whence He ascended into Heaven, and many others throughout the Holy Land, Cyprus, and elsewhere. She was proclaimed Augusta, her image was stamped upon golden coins, and two cities were named Helenopolis after her in Bithynia and in Palestine. Having been thus glorified for her piety, she departed to the Lord being about eighty years of age, according to some in the year 330, according to others, in 336.

#### **Apolytikion in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone**

He beheld the image of Your Cross in the Heavens and, as Paul, he too did not receive the call from men. Your Apostle among Kings placed the care of the Royal City in Your hands. Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O only Loving Lord, keep it ever in peace.



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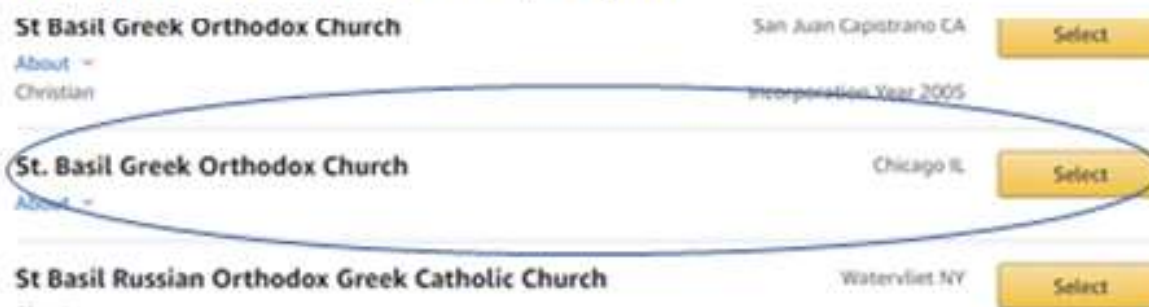
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# St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church - May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Palm Sunday 6:00 pm Holy Sunday Night - Orthros of Holy Monday Bridegroom Service Sunday Night	<b>26</b> 6:00 pm Holy Monday Night - Orthros of Holy Tuesday Bridegroom Service Monday Night	<b>27</b> 6:00 pm Holy Tuesday Night - Orthros of Holy Wednesday Bridegroom Service Tuesday Night with Hymn of St. Kassiani	<b>28</b> 3:00 pm Holy Unction Holy Wednesday Night - Orthros of Holy Thursday	<b>29</b> 6:30 am Vespers Liturgy of the Mystical Supper Holy Thursday Night - Orthros of Holy Friday - The Passion Reading of the 12 Gospel	<b>30</b> 9:00 am Royal Hours of Holy Friday 3:00 pm Vespers of Holy Friday 7:00 pm The Unnailing Holy Friday Night - Orthros of Holy Saturday - The Lamentations	<b>1</b> 8:30 am The Prokatasia Vespers Liturgy Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Great an Holy Pascha
<b>2</b> 12:00 pm Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Great an Holy Pascha Agape Service	<b>3</b> Feast of St. George celebrated at Chicago Parish	<b>4</b> 6:30 am Early Morning Divine Liturgy for Renewal Tuesday, The Commemoration of Saints Raphael, Nicholas, Irene and the Other Newly-revealed Martyrs of Lesbos	<b>5</b> 6:30 am Cinco de Mayo Early Morning Divine Liturgy for St. Irene the Great Martyr	<b>6</b> 6:30 am Early Morning Divine Liturgy for St. Sophia of Kleisoura	<b>7</b> Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 8:15 am Mother's Day Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Thomas Sunday	<b>10</b> 7:00 pm Parish Council	<b>11</b> 7:00 pm Philoptochos ZOOM Meeting Philoptochos Meeting	<b>12</b> 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary Online A.R.E. Class	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	<b>15</b> President's Meeting
<b>16</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women	<b>17</b> Tax Day	<b>18</b> 10:00 am Bible Study	<b>19</b> 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary Online A.R.E. Class	<b>20</b> 7:00 pm "Great Vespers for Ss. Constantine & Helen (at Palos Hills parish)"	<b>21</b> 6:30 am Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri Divine Liturgy or SS. Constantine & Helen at St. Basil 8:30 am "Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Ss. Con-	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy of the Paralytic	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:00 am Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:30 am Early Morning Divine Liturgy for St. John the Russian	<b>28</b> 6:30 am Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri Divine Liturgy of Ascension	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of the Samaritan Woman	<b>31</b> Memorial Day					MAY 2021

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**JULY 14, 2021**

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 Breakfast  
 Lunch  
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